

What is claimed is:

1. A computerized parallel efficiency calculation method for calculating a parallel efficiency of a parallel computer system,  
5 comprising the steps of:

calculating a load balance contribution ratio representing a load balance degree between respective processors included in said parallel computer system;

calculating a virtual parallelization ratio representing a ratio,  
10 with respect to time, of a portion processed in parallel by said respective processors among processings executed in said parallel computer system;

calculating a parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio representing a ratio of a processing time of a processing portion corresponding to each parallel performance  
15 impediment factor to a total processing time of all said processors included in said parallel computer system; and

calculating and outputting to an output device, a parallel efficiency by using said load balance contribution ratio, said virtual  
20 parallelization ratio, and said parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio.

2. A computerized parallel efficiency calculation method for calculating a parallel efficiency of a parallel computer system,  
25 comprising the steps of:

calculating a load balance contribution ratio representing a load balance degree between respective processors included in said parallel computer system;

calculating an acceleration ratio representing a limit of  
30 improvement in a shortening degree of a processing time by

parallelization of a processing executed in said parallel computer system;

calculating a parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio representing a ratio of a processing time of a processing portion corresponding to each parallel performance impediment factor to a total processing time of all said processors included in said parallel computer system; and

calculating and outputting to an output device, a parallel efficiency by using said load balance contribution ratio, said acceleration ratio, and said parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio.

3. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 2, wherein in said acceleration ratio calculating step, said acceleration ratio is calculated as a reciprocal of a value calculated by subtracting a virtual parallelization ratio that is calculated by dividing a sum of processing times of portions processed in parallel in processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system by a processing time equivalent to a third processing time in a case where the same processing is executed by one processor, from 1.

4. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 3, wherein said third processing time is calculated by a sum of a first processing time equivalent to a total processing time of parallel performance impediment portions in a processing in a case where the processing is executed by one processor and a second processing time as a sum of processing times of portions processed in parallel in said processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system.

5. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 4, wherein said first processing time is one of a value calculated by dividing a sum of processing times of a redundancy processing in said processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system by a number of said processors, a maximum value in said processing times of said redundancy processing in said processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system, a minimum value in said processing times of said redundancy processing in said processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system, and a value of a processing time of said redundancy processing in a processor in which a total sum of processing times of parallel processings in said processings executed in said respective processor included in said parallel computer system and processing times of processing portions corresponding to said parallel performance impediment factors becomes maximum.

6. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 4, wherein said first processing time is one of a value calculated by dividing a value that is calculated by adding, with respect to all said processors, a fourth processing time calculated by subtracting a processing time due to a parallel performance impediment factor occurring in two or more processors and depending on a number of processors from a processing time due to a parallel performance impediment factor other than a redundancy processing in said processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system, by a number of said processors, a maximum value in said fourth processing times in all said processors, and a minimum value in said fourth processing times in all said processors.

7. A computerized parallel efficiency calculation method for calculating a parallel efficiency of a parallel computer system, comprising the steps of:

5       calculating a load balance contribution ratio representing a load balance degree between respective processors included in said parallel computer system;

          calculating a parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio representing a ratio of a processing time of a  
10   processing portion corresponding to each parallel performance impediment factor to a total processing time of all said processors included in said parallel computer system; and

          calculating and outputting to an output device, a parallel efficiency by using at least said load balance contribution ratio and  
15   said parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio.

8. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 7, wherein in said load balance contribution ratio calculating step, said load balance contribution ratio is calculated by dividing  
20   a total processing time of said processings executed in all said processors included in said parallel computer system by a longest processing time in said processing times of said processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system and a number of said processors used in said parallel computer system.

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9. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 7, wherein in said parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio calculating step, said parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio concerning a specific parallel  
30   performance impediment factor is calculated by dividing a sum of

processing times of processing portions corresponding to said specific parallel performance impediment factor in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system by a sum of said processing times of said respective processors included in said parallel computer system.

10. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 7, wherein said processing time is represented by a number of times of confirmation of corresponding events.

11. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 7, further comprising a step of calculating and outputting to said output device, an auxiliary index by multiplying the calculated parallel efficiency by a number of said processors used in said parallel computer system.

12. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

- setting a target parallel efficiency; and
- calculating and outputting to said output device, an optimum number of processors by dividing a product of the calculated parallel efficiency and a number of said processors by said target parallel efficiency.

13. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

- setting an increase of a working time and a predicted parallel efficiency at a time of system expansion; and
- calculating and outputting to said output device, an acceleration ratio at said time of said system expansion by dividing a sum of a product

sum, with respect to all said processings, of a sum of processing times of said processings executed in said respective processors presently included in said parallel computer system and the calculated parallel efficiency, and a product of said increase of said working time and said predicted parallel efficiency, by a sum of working times of said respective processors presently included in said parallel computer system.

14. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

setting a performance magnification of a new parallel computer system relative to said parallel computer system; and

calculating and outputting to said output device, an estimated parallel efficiency by using said performance magnification of said new parallel computer system.

15. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 7, further comprising a step of calculating and outputting to an output device, a system operational efficiency by dividing a product sum of, with respect to all said processings, a sum of processing times of said processings executed in said respective processors presently included in said parallel computer system and the calculated parallel efficiency, by a total working time of said respective processors presently included in said parallel computer system.

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16. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

setting a target processing time;

calculating a target parallel efficiency by using said target processing time; and

confirming propriety of said target parallel efficiency.

17. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 16, further comprising the steps of:

5           calculating, in a case where said propriety of said target parallel efficiency is confirmed, a parallel efficiency after execution of tuning; and

              comparing said parallel efficiency after said execution of said tuning with said target parallel efficiency.

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18. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

              setting a target processing time;

              calculating an estimated value of a number of required processors  
15   for each different algorithm by using parallel efficiencies in the algorithms; and

              extracting an algorithm in which said estimated value of said number of required processors is smaller than an acceleration ratio representing a limit of improvement in a shortening degree of a  
20   processing time by parallelization of a processing by said algorithm and becomes a minimum value in said estimated values of said number of required processors calculated for different algorithms.

19. A computerized parallel efficiency calculation method for  
25   calculating a parallel efficiency of a parallel computer system, comprising the steps of:

              calculating a load balance contribution ratio representing a load balance degree between respective processors included in said parallel computer system;

calculating a virtual parallelization ratio representing a ratio, with respect to time, of a portion processed in parallel by said respective processors among processings executed in said parallel computer system; and

5           calculating and outputting to an output device, a parallel efficiency by using a sum of processing times of portions processed in parallel in processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system, a sum of processing times of the processings executed in said respective processors, said load balance  
10   contribution ratio, and said virtual parallelization ratio.

20. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 19, wherein in said virtual parallelization ratio calculating step, said virtual parallelization ratio is calculated by dividing a  
15   sum of said processing times of said portions processed in parallel in said processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system by a processing time equivalent to a third processing time in a case where the same processing is executed by one processor.

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21. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 20, wherein said third processing time is calculated by a sum of a first processing time equivalent to a total processing time of parallel performance impediment portions in a processing in a case where  
25   the processing is executed by one processor and a second processing time as a sum of processing times of portions processed in parallel in said processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system.



22. A computerized parallel efficiency calculation method for calculating a parallel efficiency of a parallel computer system, comprising the steps of:

calculating a first processing time equivalent to a total  
5 processing time of parallel performance impediment portions of a processing in a case where said processing is executed by one processor;

calculating a second processing time as a sum of processing times of portions processed in parallel in processings executed in respective processors included in said parallel computer system; and

10 calculating and outputting to an output device, a parallel efficiency by using a number of said processors used in said parallel computer system, a longest processing time among processing times of said processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system, said first processing time, and said second  
15 processing time.

23. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 22, wherein said first processing time is one of a value calculated by dividing a sum of processing times of a redundancy  
20 processing in said processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system by a number of said processors, a maximum value in said processing times of said redundancy processing in said processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system, a minimum value in said processing times  
25 of said redundancy processing in said processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system, and a value of a processing time of said redundancy processing in a processor in which a total sum of processing times of parallel processings in said processings executed in said respective processor included in said  
30 parallel computer system and processing times of processing portions

corresponding to said parallel performance impediment factors becomes maximum.

24. The computerized parallel efficiency calculation method as set forth in claim 22, wherein said first processing time is one of a value calculated by dividing a value that is calculated by adding, with respect to all said processors, a fourth processing time calculated by subtracting a processing time due to a parallel performance impediment factor occurring in two or more processors and depending on a number of processors from a processing time due to a parallel performance impediment factor other than a redundancy processing in said processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system, by a number of said processors, a maximum value in said fourth processing times in all said processors, and a minimum value in said fourth processing times in all said processors.

25. A program embodied on a medium for causing a computer to calculate a parallel efficiency of a parallel computer system, said program comprising the steps of:

calculating a load balance contribution ratio representing a load balance degree between respective processors included in said parallel computer system;

calculating a virtual parallelization ratio representing a ratio, with respect to time, of a portion processed in parallel by said respective processors among processings executed in said parallel computer system;

calculating a parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio representing a ratio of a processing time of a processing portion corresponding to each parallel performance

impediment factor to a total processing time of all said processors included in said parallel computer system; and

calculating and outputting to an output device, a parallel efficiency by using said load balance contribution ratio, said virtual  
5 parallelization ratio, and said parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio.

26. A program embodied on a medium for causing a computer to calculate a parallel efficiency of a parallel computer system, said program  
10 comprising the steps of:

calculating a load balance contribution ratio representing a load balance degree between respective processors included in said parallel computer system;

calculating an acceleration ratio representing a limit of  
15 improvement in a shortening degree of a processing time by parallelization of a processing executed in said parallel computer system;

calculating a parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio representing a ratio of a processing time of a  
20 processing portion corresponding to each parallel performance impediment factor to a total processing time of all said processors included in said parallel computer system; and

calculating and outputting to an output device, a parallel efficiency by using said load balance contribution ratio, said  
25 acceleration ratio, and said parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio.

27. A program embodied on a medium for causing a computer to calculate a parallel efficiency of a parallel computer system, said program  
30 comprising the steps of:

calculating a load balance contribution ratio representing a load balance degree between respective processors included in said parallel computer system;

calculating a parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio representing a ratio of a processing time of a processing portion corresponding to each parallel performance impediment factor to a total processing time of all said processors included in said parallel computer system; and

calculating and outputting to an output device, a parallel efficiency by using at least said load balance contribution ratio and said parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio.

28. A program embodied on a medium for causing a computer to calculate a parallel efficiency of a parallel computer system, said program comprising the steps of:

calculating a load balance contribution ratio representing a load balance degree between respective processors included in said parallel computer system;

calculating a virtual parallelization ratio representing a ratio, with respect to time, of a portion processed in parallel by said respective processors among processings executed in said parallel computer system; and

calculating and outputting to an output device, a parallel efficiency by using a sum of processing times of portions processed in parallel in processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system, a sum of processing times of the processings executed in said respective processors, said load balance contribution ratio, and said virtual parallelization ratio.

29. A program embodied on a medium for causing a computer to calculate a parallel efficiency of a parallel computer system, said comprising the steps of:

calculating a first processing time equivalent to a total  
5 processing time of parallel performance impediment portions of a processing in a case where said processing is executed by one processor;

calculating a second processing time as a sum of processing times of portions processed in parallel in processings executed in respective processors included in said parallel computer system; and

10 calculating and outputting to an output device, a parallel efficiency by using a number of said processors used in said parallel computer system, a longest processing time among processing times of said processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system, said first processing time, and said second  
15 processing time.

30. A parallel efficiency calculation apparatus for calculating a parallel efficiency of a parallel computer system, comprising:

a first calculator for calculating a load balance contribution  
20 ratio representing a load balance degree between respective processors included in said parallel computer system;

a second calculator for calculating a virtual parallelization ratio representing a ratio, with respect to time, of a portion processed in parallel by said respective processors among processings executed  
25 in said parallel computer system;

a third calculator for calculating a parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio representing a ratio of a processing time of a processing portion corresponding to each parallel performance impediment factor to a total processing time of all said  
30 processors included in said parallel computer system; and

a fourth calculator for calculating and outputting to an output device, a parallel efficiency by using said load balance contribution ratio, said virtual parallelization ratio, and said parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio.

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31. A parallel efficiency calculation apparatus for calculating a parallel efficiency of a parallel computer system, comprising:

a first calculator for calculating a load balance contribution ratio representing a load balance degree between respective processors  
10 included in said parallel computer system;

a second calculator for calculating an acceleration ratio representing a limit of improvement in a shortening degree of a processing time by parallelization of a processing executed in said parallel computer system;

15 a third calculator for calculating a parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio representing a ratio of a processing time of a processing portion corresponding to each parallel performance impediment factor to a total processing time of all said processors included in said parallel computer system; and

20 a fourth calculator for calculating and outputting to an output device, a parallel efficiency by using said load balance contribution ratio, said acceleration ratio, and said parallel performance impediment factor contribution ratio.

25 32. A parallel efficiency calculation apparatus for calculating a parallel efficiency of a parallel computer system, comprising:

a first calculator for calculating a load balance contribution ratio representing a load balance degree between respective processors included in said parallel computer system;

a second calculator for calculating a parallel performance  
impediment factor contribution ratio representing a ratio of a  
processing time of a processing portion corresponding to each parallel  
performance impediment factor to a total processing time of all said  
5 processors included in said parallel computer system; and

a third calculator for calculating and outputting to an output  
device, a parallel efficiency by using at least said load balance  
contribution ratio and said parallel performance impediment factor  
contribution ratio.

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33. A parallel efficiency calculation apparatus for calculating a  
parallel efficiency of a parallel computer system, comprising:

a first calculator for calculating a load balance contribution  
ratio representing a load balance degree between respective processors  
15 included in said parallel computer system;

a second calculator for calculating a virtual parallelization  
ratio representing a ratio, with respect to time, of a portion processed  
in parallel by said respective processors among processings executed  
in said parallel computer system; and

20 a third calculator for calculating and outputting an output  
device, a parallel efficiency by using a sum of processing times of  
portions processed in parallel in processings executed in said  
respective processors included in said parallel computer system, a sum  
of processing times of the processings executed in said respective  
25 processors, said load balance contribution ratio, and said virtual  
parallelization ratio.

34. A parallel efficiency calculation apparatus for calculating a  
parallel efficiency of a parallel computer system, comprising:

a first calculator for calculating a first processing time equivalent to a total processing time of parallel performance impediment portions of a processing in a case where said processing is executed by one processor;

5 a second calculator for calculating a second processing time as a sum of processing times of portions processed in parallel in processings executed in respective processors included in said parallel computer system; and

10 a third calculator for calculating and outputting to an output device, a parallel efficiency by using a number of said processors used in said parallel computer system, a longest processing time among processing times of said processings executed in said respective processors included in said parallel computer system, said first processing time, and said second processing time.

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